



Subject:	Notices of Motion update
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance allocated to the People and Communities Committee.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that People and Communities Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance that People and Communities Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and</li><li>• Agree to the closure of 14 Notices of Motion / Issues Raised in Advance, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.5 below.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Background</u> Members will recall that the previous Notices of Motion update was presented to People and Communities Committee in August 2024.
3.2	This report provides an overview of the progress on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remained open following the August 2024 update, and those Motions and Issues which have since arisen.
3.3	<b>Notice of Motion Updates</b> There are currently 42 active Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which the People and Communities Committee is responsible for. An update on those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance which remain active on the live database is attached at Appendix 1.
3.4	<b>Closure of Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance</b> At SP&R Committee on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, it was agreed that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Category 1 - Notices of Motion which contained an action that has been completed.</b> All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that</li></ul>

has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Notice of Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. These additional actions are not contained in this report, but will be noted in the live database moving forward.

- **Category 2 - Notices of Motion have become Council policy or absorbed in to a strategic programme of work.** These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete. Instead, they were more strategic in nature and required changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.

3.5

Following an update of those Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance on the live database, it is recommended that Members approve the following Motions/Issues for closure.

**Category 1 Recommended Closures:**

**Coláiste Feirste and Divis Back Path (Ref 160)**

Further to continued engagement by officers with Coláiste Feirste relating to funding and what it will be used for, an agreement between Coláiste Feirste and Council is now in place. Monitoring of bookings by quarterly review is also now in place, with the funding payment having been made. As the specific asks within this request have now been addressed with any further reporting to be made to People and Communities Committee, it is recommended that this Issue is now closed.

**Review of Non-Residential Fees for the reopening of graves in Blaris Cemetery for Colin residents (Ref 262)**

An update on this Issue was presented to the October 24 meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group, where it was agreed that this Issue can now be closed.

**Pavement Parking (Ref 335)**

An update on this Motion was presented to People and Communities Committee in October 2024, with Committee agreeing that opportunities for further collaboration with PSNI and DfI to highlight the issue of pavement parking through digital channels where appropriate, as well as providing coverage of this issue in future editions of City Matters as the most appropriate mechanisms to progress this Motion. The Corporate Comms team will continue to use digital channels to highlight pavement parking messaging, and will include further articles on the issue in future issues of City Matters. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is now closed.

**Biodiversity in Council Parks and Open Spaces (Ref 363)**

An update on this NoM was presented to People and Communities Committee in January 2025, with agreement that a sum of £50,000 (to support the delivery of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan - LBAP) and a sum of £35,000 (to scope and develop the LBAP) be included within the Department's draft estimates of expenditure for 2025/26, subject to approval the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee as part of the District Rate setting process for 2025/26. This Issue can now be closed.

**Request from Collin Gaels – shipping container at Brook Leisure Centre (Ref 397)**

A container has now been installed for use by Colin Gaels at this site, therefore this Issue can now be closed.

**Knockbreda Road Crossing (Ref 399)**

An update on correspondence received from the Minister for Infrastructure was presented to People and Communities Committee on 14 January 2025, therefore this Issue Raised in Advance can be closed.

**Request to present to Committee – Bryson Recycling (Ref 413)**

Bryson Recycling presented to People and Communities Committee in December 2024, therefore this Issue can be closed.

**Women's Safety in the City (Ref 415)**

Following discussion at People and Communities Committee on 5 November 2024, this issue was also raised at the November meeting of City Growth and Regeneration, and further reported upon at the November meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee where Members received an update on the relevant activities underway in addressing violence against women and girls. A Local Change Fund was launched on 17 January, which offers a new grant scheme for community and voluntary groups to deliver projects by 31 March 2026 with the aim of ending violence against women and girls in Belfast. To raise awareness and improve capacity, we are offering free training for Belfast-based community and voluntary organisations who want to better understand the issues around ending violence against women and girls and how they can support this work. We are also hosting a networking and funding advice event in the City Hall on 3rd Feb. Registration for this event and the training is via our website along with further information on a range of the other EVAWG activity at <https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/endviolence>

Council are also supporting the administration of the TEO's Regional Change Fund which offers £1.2m for eight identified organisations to deliver societal-wide change relating to ending violence against women and girls. Further updates on this work will be presented to the relevant Committees going forward, therefore it is recommended that this Issue is now closed.

**Notice of Motion update – Biodiversity Council (Ref 421)**

An update report was presented to People and Communities Committee in January 2025, as noted above in reference to Motion 363. This Issue can now be closed.

**Category 2 Recommended Closures:****On the Ball Campaign (Ref 09)**

Further to the operation of a pilot programme for the provision of free period products in designated Council facilities and GLL leisure centres, CMT agreed in November 2024 to continue the Free Period Provision pilot using existing budgets and extend provision across all main staff facilities, leisure centres and community centres, allocating the necessary budget, pending further TEO information and funding. Given that the specific ask within this Motion has been addressed, it is recommended that this Motion is now closed.

**Lighting of City Parks (Ref 12)**

Due to the capital implications associated with this Motion, this is now being considered in terms of the Council's Capital Programme and will be reported upon on that basis. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed.

	<p><b>Future use of former horticultural training site (Ref 89)</b> Due to the capital implications associated with this Motion, this is now being considered in terms of the Council's Capital Programme and will be reported upon on that basis. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed.</p> <p><b>Capital investments in parks, public and open spaces (Ref 258)</b> Due to the capital implications associated with this Motion, this is now being considered in terms of the Council's Capital Programme and will be reported upon on that basis. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed.</p> <p><b>Feasibility study into a Blackstaff Greenway (Ref 348)</b> Due to the capital implications associated with this Motion, this is now being considered in terms of the Council's Capital Programme. It is therefore recommended that this Motion is closed as progress reporting will now be made via Capital Programme reports to SP&amp;R.</p>
3.6	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b> There are no additional financial implications required to implement these recommendations.</p>
3.7	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p><b>Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – P&amp;C Committee</b></p>